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**RESPONSE TO DECISION ON REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT**

In a Decision on Request for Reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment (“Decision”) dated December 14, 2010, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“the Office”) dismissed Patentee’s Application For Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d) for the above patent. The present response is filed timely within the one month period for reply provided by the Decision.

As explained in the Application for PTA filed on November 22, 2010, Patentee complied with an Examiner’s request made in the Notice of Allowability and submitted a courtesy copy of the previously filed declaration together with payment of the issue fee. The Office assessed an Applicant Delay of 42 days for that submission, considering the post-allowance filing a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of the application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(10). In the Application for PTA, Patentee explained that because the inventor declaration had been timely submitted during prosecution of the application and was filed again after allowance only in response to the express request of the Examiner, the post-allowance submission should not be considered a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application.

The Decision maintained the reduction of 42 days of Applicant Delay, asserting that the record does not support a conclusion that the declaration had been previously submitted. In

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particular, the Decision stated that a review of the file did not prove that the declaration was filed with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts filed on March 24, 1999. However, the Decision acknowledged that *prima facie* evidence of the March 24, 1999 filing could exist in the form of a date stamped postcard receipt. In response, and as evidence that the declaration had in fact been filed with the Office on March 24, 1999, enclosed herewith is a copy of the postcard that was stamped as received by the Office on March 24, 1999, clearly establishing that the declaration was enclosed with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts filed on that date.

In view of Patentee's showing that the inventor declaration had been timely submitted during prosecution of the application, the post-allowance resubmission of a courtesy copy to rectify an error in the Office's recordkeeping should not be considered a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(10). Rather, by submitting the requested courtesy copy, Patentee was aiding the Office in concluding prosecution. As such, the Office's assessment of Applicant Delay for this filing was improper and should be corrected so that 0 days of Applicant Delay are assessed for this filing.

In view of the foregoing, the final PTA calculation should be increased by 42 days, from 117 days to a total of 159 days.

No fee is believed due. However, if any fee is due, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket Number 17481-0004001.

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IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

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